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The Honorable Zalmay Khalilzad
United States Ambassador to Iraq
Embassy of the United States
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Baghdad, Iraq

Dear Ambassador Khalilzad:

Recently, the Navy publicly announced the recommendations of a board of inquiry convened to review the status of missing Navy pilot Captain Michael Scott Speicher. Not only did the Board recommend that Captain Speicher retain the status "missing/captured," but it also called for the search to be intensified.

I believe it's imperative we act on this recommendation; and, do everything in our power to increase the assets dedicated to the search as soon as possible. Following through on this recommendation will require a commitment at the highest levels at the US Embassy in Baghdad. Please provide me with specific details of the steps and actions that the Embassy in Baghdad, along with the State Department and the Defense Department, will take to intensify the search.

We owe Scott, his family, and all members of the military this effort. I appreciate your assistance and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Bill Nelson